

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Yale Cantor, Chairman at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Yale Cantor, Hassan Salley, Cindy Heidari, Melinda Ferry, Helen Filloramo, Sue Stack, Doris Crayton

OTHERS PRESENT: Suzanne Hannigan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (H. Filloramo), Seconded (H. Salley), and passed to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2007 minutes with following exception:
CORRECTION: H. Salley was present and should not be listed as excused.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Youth Services and the Board of Education collaborated to write an after school program for the Middle School. On January 2, 2008 Youth Services was notified that of the 94 towns submitting proposals only 36 were selected to receive grants. Ellington will receive \$90,000 for two consecutive years to implement this grant. The after school program will run Monday-Thursday from 2:45 P.M.-5:30 P.M. The program will start in the next 6 weeks as we need to spend 75% of the funds by April 2008. Instructors will be paid \$35.00 per hour. The program will hire a coordinator, data entry technician ,and a consultant for the first year. Most of the start up money will be used for marketing. The program will run from September –June. Registration will be computerized through the Recreation Department.

Our prevention counselor also received a \$500 grant from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to use toward conducting a town hall meeting in the Spring on prevention and education.

Warm Line Clinical Services for Regional Services: is offering to our region a **Warm Line** supportive clinical services after hours and on weekends to youth services bureaus and their families. Warm Line is not a **Hot Line** . A Warm Line is a clinical support for youth and their families to call when they are struggling with a behavioral crisis or need to consult with a clinician for intervention and guidance as to how to handle a situation. Manchester Hospital will provide services through their Emergency Room should a situation need immediate attention as directed by the on-call clinician. Should the call result in phone consultation and intervention the information will be faxed to the town YSB for follow up. Clients will be given an 800 telephone number to call for this service.

The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach will introduce the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM). This is a large scale, multi-chair dental clinic that travels around Connecticut to underserved areas. Dental services will be provided to anyone—children, adults, and the elderly who are without insurance and low income. Patients will be screened and their most urgent dental

needs will be treated. CTMOM is staffed by volunteer dentists, UCONN dental students, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. They will provide cleanings, fillings, and extractions at no cost. This year's event will be held at the former Tolland High School, 1 Eagle Hill Drive in Tolland on April 12 from 5 A.M. to 5 P.M. and on April 13 from 5 A.M. to Noon.

On January 30th Elderly Outreach presented a program on Breast Health and Screening at the Senior Center. This will be a lunch and learn program. Registration is required. Registrants will be provided with van transportation for free exams/screenings in March at Rockville General Hospital.

This month Elderly Outreach will help coordinator with emergency management to create and identify those with special needs in the community in case of disaster and if sheltering is required.

The Senior Center is in need of new volunteers. We are looking into contracting some of the kitchen cleaning services out on a quarterly basis.

OLD BUSINESS: A housing sub-committee meeting will be scheduled for early March.

NEW BUSINESS: All contract agencies have submitted their budgets except the Potter House. At the March meeting the budget will be presented and discussed along with the department's five year goal plan.

Both van drivers are coming up for the end of their 90 day probationary period. The capitol improvements submitted by Public Works include replacement of the senior van and the car for Elderly Outreach

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (H. Salley), Seconded (H. Filloramo), and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Sincerely,


Doris R. Crayton
Director